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Senator José Rodríguez supports marriage equality as 5th Circuit Court of Appeals makes final ruling

More Texans now support marriage equality

New Orleans -- In reaction to today's hearing about the Texas same-sex marriage ban by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Texas state Senator José Rodríguez issued the following statement:

"Today a three-judge panel of the federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in two Texas couples' challenge to the state's ban on same-sex marriage. I look forward to a final decision on this matter from the Fifth Circuit and from the U.S. Supreme Court."

"I'm also proud to have filed legislation this session to repeal Texas' ban. After a run of landmark rulings affecting other states, ours is now one of only 14 states prohibiting marriage equality."

"Since the state instituted its ban in 2005, attitudes have changed dramatically. Today, more people recognize that all persons, gay or straight, should be permitted to build a family undisturbed by government interference, and to make a lifelong commitment, before their community, to the person they love."

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus, Vice Chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, and a member of the Senate Committees on Criminal Justice, Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, and Government Organization.